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Rep. Kolste Supports Governor Evers' Redistricting Plan
Applauds Decision to Include Nonpartisan Redistricting in Budget Proposal

MADISON – Rep. Debra Kolste (D-Janesville) strongly supports Governor Tony Evers' plan to move Wisconsin's redistricting process to a fair, nonpartisan model. The Governor's proposal would create an independent commission to draw the state's political districts and ensure that Wisconsin elections would be based on the idea that voters should choose their representatives rather than allowing politicians to choose their voters. Rep. Kolste released the following statement in support of the Governor's plan:

"Democrats in the legislature have been advocating for a nonpartisan redistricting solution for over a decade. This policy does not favor any political party and places the power of our democracy where it should be – with the people. The overwhelming majority of Wisconsinites agree that it is time to unrig our elections process and Governor Evers' proposal will allow the voice of the people to be heard again in the state legislature."

Redistricting is the process of drawing electoral district boundaries and takes place every ten years in conjunction with the United States census. Wisconsin, at the expense of taxpayers, has already spent close to \$3 million in legal fees defending the districts drawn by Republicans in 2010. These district boundaries, drawn to ensure a GOP majority in the state legislature, were declared unconstitutional by a panel of federal judges and are still being appealed.

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